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NICARAGUA.

Weekly reports of conditions and transactions at Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, September 27, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 27, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, measles and malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 21, steamship *Utstein*; crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. September 27, steamship *Esther*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, 8; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 14 pieces.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

PORTO RICA.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., September 22, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended September 20, 1902.

Six vessels were inspected, of which 3 were held in quarantine. Three bills of health were issued.

Two pieces of baggage from Santo Domingo arriving on the 14th in the schooner *Corazon de Jesus* were disinfected. Vessel not held.

On the 17th, the French steamship *Salvador* arrived from Port au Prince, Les Cayes, Jeremie, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. Fifteen pieces of baggage and 2 sacks of mail were disinfected. Vessel was held in quarantine and sailed on the same day. Spanish steamship *Buenos Aires* arrived from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guaira. One passenger, a Porto Rican immune, was allowed to land after disinfection of baggage consisting of 4 pieces. The vessel was very dirty and was held in quarantine, sailing on the same day.

On the 18th, the Cuban steamship *Julia* arrived from Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris. Twenty-two pieces of baggage and 2 sacks of mail were disinfected. The vessel was held in quarantine and sailed on the same day.

No quarantinable disease is reported in Ponce. The sanitary condition of the city is being improved a little by a much needed cleaning of the streets.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.